

Reproductive health training for students

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Thus, ChildFund Papua New Guinea, a non-government organisation which has been operating in Gulf and Central provinces, has initiated a project for young people on improving access to sexual reproductive health (SRH) information and services in Central Province.

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At a glance

PLAN: ChildFund has a plan to have a follow-up training for more young people next year.

TOPICS: YWCA facilitators conducted training on SRH, HIV, human rights, gender issues, leadership and public speaking.

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PARTNER: Its second training under this project was conducted recently in partnership with Young Women's Christian Association for 14 secondary schools and vocational centres.

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It was noted that the facilitators were excited about going out to share the information with other young people in their schools and communities.



EFFECTS OF 'THE VANUATU MONSTER/FIJIAN BEAST'

WHATS causing the strong winds and continuous heavy rains in part of Papua New Guinea, you might ask. Well, thanks to 'The Vanuatu Beast' massive category five cyclone to strike West Pacific. It's already been labelled the 'Fijian Beast' and the 'Vanuatuan Monster' - despite it not even forming yet. Some of its effects have already been experienced here in PNG. Pictured is a dirt road, linking Kokopo and Karavi in East New Britain Province, cut off due to flooding.

PMGH emergency needs attention

POOR management and coordination of staff has been highlighted as one core issue facing Port Moresby General Hospital's accident and emergency department.

A patient guardian gave this report to *Post-Courier* following his observation of services at the A and E where he and 11 other guardians waited for an hour before someone attended

to them. This was on March 6, between 4.30pm and 8pm.

"While we were waiting, the doctors chatted away as if there was no patient to attend to," he said.

The staff cubicle is right in the middle of the room where the patients watched the staff while they waited for help.

The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, is a

manager of his own company and noted that when a heart patient came from the Pacific International Hospital, he was given a bed quickly because the PIH staff that accompanied him spoke in Filipino to two PMGH nurses.

He said patients who came before the heart patient were also in critical conditions.

The guardian also noted

student doctors in the A and E department and doubted their presence because such a fragile environment requires experienced health workers.

"When a doctor tells you to hold the air-bag to help your child and you have no idea what to do, it gives a very gray picture of the service at emergency department," he said.

Madang faces emergency load shedding

PNG Power is carrying out emergency load shedding in Madang Province and surrounding areas as a result of the destruction of two transmission poles caused by flooding along the Usino-Bundi Highway.

"Heavy flooding from the recent rainfall had toppled two transmission poles at

Omei (Sausi) village at 11pm on Tuesday, cutting off power supply to Madang," PNG Power said in a statement yesterday.

It said PNG Power was currently generating 3.9 megawatts from the Madang thermal power station for Madang town.

"There is a shortfall of five

megawatts, therefore, PNG Power is carrying out emergency load shedding and supplying power to critical areas like Modilon General Hospital.

"PPL linesmen have located and assessed the fault but repair work is being delayed as they cannot access the poles, which are underwater."

Load shedding is expected to go on for two weeks and customers with standby generators are asked to use them during this time.

Load shedding schedules would be published in the daily newspapers and customers are also advised to take note of them.

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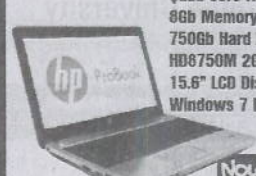
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